

Spring Branch Academic Institute





February 10, 2020

Issue 21

Happy Valentine's Day

SAVE THE DATES

 Donuts with Directors – SFMS MPR Room at 8:30 am	(Date Change) 03/12/2020
	03/16- 20/2020

Message from the Director:

Congratulations to Mrs. Dina for being this year's **SBAI Teacher of the Year!** Mrs. Dina is an essential part of the SBAI family. In her classroom, children develop a foundational love of literacy. She is intelligent, a master of her craft, insightful of each of her students, and a compelling thought partner to all her colleagues. Her approach is nurturing, yet structured, and allows her students to thrive and grow. In short, she brings out the best in each child, and is exactly the type of teacher that appreciates and develops the potential of each child. Mrs. Dina always goes the extra mile for her students and her colleagues. She has a great sense of humor, an admirable love for her family, and a heart of gold! **Thank you, Mrs. Dina, for sharing your talents and expertise with the SBAI family, and congratulations!**



The **2019 Texas Academic Performance Report** and **School Report Card** for SBAI have been posted to our website. These can be found on the SBAI website by clicking on *About*, and then *School Plans & Reports*. If you would like a printed copy, please send a request by email to Lynnnda Butorka. The **2019 Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)** pulls together a wide range of information on the performance of students in our school and district in Texas every year. Performance is shown disaggregated by student groups. The reports also provide extensive information on school and district staff, programs, and student demographics. The **School Report Card (SRC)** combines accountability ratings, data from the **Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR)**, and financial information to give a broad view of campus performance. The SRC informs parents about a school's individual characteristics and its academic performance.

Progress Reports and SBAI Individualized Conduct Report


In an effort to strengthen the **partnership between home and school**, this coming Friday, your child will be bringing their progress report home. In addition to the progress report, your child will also bring a **SBAI Individualized Conduct Report**, which details the conduct, social skills, and work habits for your child by each teacher. We feel this expansion will give you a more holistic and accurate picture of your child. It also allows us to set more targeted goals for growth.

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Upcoming Events

PLEASE NOTE – SBAI Elementary follows the Thornwood Elementary campus calendar for early dismissals.

Elementary Early Dismissal	02/13 & 14/2020
5th Grade Parent Conferences	
 SBAI Valentine Party	02/14/2020
11:00 am-12:00 pm	
Student Holiday/Teacher Staff Development Day	02/17/2020
TWE Family Library Night	02/18/2020
TWE Library 4:00-5:30 pm	
Watch D.O.G.S. Donuts For Dads	02/21/2020
7:15-7:50 am	
5th Grade Field Trip Houston Symphony	02/25/2020
Parent Education Night	02/26/2020
Enrichment for your Gifted Child	
TWE Library 5:30-6:30 pm	

Parent Education Night: Enrichment for your Gifted Child

Wednesday, Feb 26, 2020

5:30-6:30 pm at the TWE Library

Presented by: Adrien Moshenberg, SBAI Enrichment Coordinator/Teacher

Enrichment is an important component of educational programming for gifted students. But, what exactly is it? This session is geared for parents, and educators of gifted children who want to learn more about the Renzulli model of enrichment. Learn about the different types of enrichment experiences our students receive at SBAI and ways you can enrich your child's learning outside of school.



To attend this session, please RSVP with Lynnda Butorka at Lynnda.Butorka@springbranchisd.com

Spring Break Learning Opportunity in Math for Grades 6-8

What are your middle schools students doing during spring break (March 16-20)? The Rice Athletics Department is partnering with RUSMP to offer Math-Letics again. This camp promises to be very active, fun, and very "mathy"! The math activities are not your typical school math. Kids absolutely loved the camp last year! To register go to <http://riceowls.com/mathletics>

Summer Math Camps from Rice University School Mathematics Project

If you haven't made your summer plans, check out RUSMP's camps for students in June. For information, go to <https://rusmp.rice.edu/register/students>

Happy National Dental Health month!

Pediatric Dental Safari will be coming to TWE & SBAI to give a dental health presentation to **Pre-K through 1st grade**. The presentation will take place **February 18th at 9am** in our cafeteria and will last about 20-30 min. Each student will go home with a new toothbrush. What a great way to help our students have healthy smiles!

Family Library Night – TWE Library

February 18, 2020, 4:00-5:00 pm

- 1st Grade Mortimer Performance
- Texas Native Wildlife Presentation & Art Show
- Create Wildlife Origami with Family

Reminder - CIT 2020 Lottery is Now Open!

It is time for the annual Campus Improvement Team lottery. SBAI has **the following positions to be filled:**

- 3 Parent Representatives
- 1 Community Representative
- 1 Business Representative

If you are interested in supporting SBAI in this capacity, or if you know a community or business representative who would like to serve, please complete an application and return it to Lynnda Butorka by **FEBRUARY 18, 2020**.

CIT Lottery for parent, community and business representatives will be held **February 19-21, 2020**.

Announcement and publication of CIT members will be the week of **March 2, 2020**.

Please know that representing SBAI on the CIT involves:

- Attending a Mandatory training for CIT teams on **March 31, 2020** from 5:30-6:30 pm at Westchester Academy - Cafeteria
- Serving on the committee for **2 years**
- A commitment to attend **6 meetings** throughout the school year from 3:30-4:30 pm.



Business Rep
Form.docx



Community Rep
Form.doc



CIT Parent
Form.docx

WatchDOGS Donuts with Dads Event

Calling all dads! Come have donuts on **Friday, February 21** between **7:15 and 7:50** at the Thornwood Library. Questions? Reach out to Dr. Reyes, Watch D.O.G.S. Lead and SBAI dad at: sbai_tweatchdogs@yahoo.com

Attention 5th Grade Parents - Off Campus Health Fitness

To maintain compliance with state law, Spring Branch ISD offers substitution for Health Fitness classes in **middle** and high school. If you are interested in OCHF for 2020-21, applications will be available online from March 1 to May 1. If you are currently working with a facility, they must be approved by SBISD. The online facility applications opened the last week of January and **will close February 25th**. Please visit the [SBISD OCHF website](#) for more information.

5th Grade Track Team

Information from Amber Reynolds – Health and Fitness Coach

Our **AMAZING** 5th grade track team will representing Thornwood and SBAI this year. The track meet will be on **March 12th** at Stratford High School. We will leave TWE at 4:00 and walk over to Stratford together. The meet starts at 5:00. I hope to have you all there cheering on our **TRAGON** athletes.

Representing SBAI will be:



GIRLS 200M

Abbey San Lucas

Esme Bohan

BOYS 100M

Roman Fitzgerald

BOYS 4X100M RELAY

Kitt Taylor

DISCUSS

Kellen Wang

2nd Grade Parents!

Information from Amber Reynolds – TWE Health & Fitness Coach

I just wanted you to know that we are planning the 2nd grade swimming field trip at the YMCA. It will be the week of **March 23rd-27th**, from 9:30-11:30am. Attached is the permission slip form.

For the past 20 years, SBISD has partner with the YMCA to offer all elementary schools the opportunity to be part of Water Safety classes. These lessons are in the Red Cross curriculum and taught by certified lifeguards at the YMCA.

We are so excited that our 2nd graders have the opportunity to visit the YMCA and take this Water Safety classes as part of TWE Health Fitness curriculum. It is very important that our students learn how to be safe in a pool and know what to do if they get into a difficult situation when nobody is around to help them.

The Water Safety classes begin on **Monday, March 23rd and goes through Friday, March 27th**. The classes will be held at the Brenda and John Duncan YMCA at Clay Rd. We have a capacity for 70 students. Students will be divided into two groups of 35. The groups will take turns in the YMCA pool. This is the schedule to follow during that week:

9:30am – 9:45am
9:45am – 10:00am
10:00am – 10:30am
10:30am – 11:00am
11:00am – 11:15am
11:15am – 11:30am

Trip to YMCA
Dress out
Group A lessons
Group B lessons
Dress out
Trip to TWE

Students must remember to bring their bathing suit and a towel in a plastic bag. They will dress out at the YMCA locker rooms. Thornwood HF coaches will be supervising the students on the bus and in the locker rooms.

Please return the permission slip if you are interested for your child to participate in these classes. We will send the required information needed and parent approval form to be completed and signed. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children at the YMCA. Please note, there will not be transportation provided to parents and also no pictures will be allowed during the Water Safety classes. If you have any questions please call 713-251-7321.

Thank you!
TWE Health Fitness Department

Please Cut and Return

Permission Slip

I authorize _____ to participate at Water Safety classes at the Brenda and John Duncan YMCA at Clay Rd.

Teacher's name _____

Parent or Guardian Name Printed _____ Contact number _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Mark your calendars! End of Year Party/Fundraiser

SBAI elementary will be having a **Fundraiser/ End of the Year Party** on **May 28** (last day of school) at Memorial Indoor Soccer from 1-3 pm. Memorial Indoor Soccer is located at 1322 S Dairy Ashford Rd, Houston, TX 77077. This End of the Year Party will be for all our kiddos to play, eat pizza and see each other one last time before the summer while also providing funds for our beloved school. Special thanks to Ann Nguyen, Linda Pham, Courtney Whyte and Morgan Daley for stepping up to sponsor the end of the year party/fundraiser!

HOW TO ATTEND IF NOT A SPONSOR

Tickets will be available for purchase to attend the party closer to the date. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to SBAI. There will be enough spots for every SBAI elementary child, and we will send out sign-ups for carpools, etc. We hope all of you will support any way you can. Here's our chance to start a tradition for our kiddos and support our school. Thank you, and please let us know if you have any questions!

Ann Nguyen & Megan Sakkal
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Physics and Engineering Festival - Texas A&M University in College Station

Join us for Physics and Engineering Festival 2020 on **April 4** at Texas A&M University in College Station! The Festival's 2020 program is posted at <http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu/>, where you'll also find photos and videos from previous festivals on the Media tab. This STEM event is FREE, and no registration is required!

We expect several thousand people from all over Texas and other states to attend this FREE event to handle demos in physics, astronomy, math, statistics, biology, chemistry, and engineering! More than 200 interactive science exhibits for kids and adults will be run by our faculty, researchers, and students on Saturday, April 4, 10:00am-3:30pm. The hands-on part of the Festival will be concluded by the Grand Finale: A Texas-sized depth charge with five water barrels and 1,000 plastic balls!

In addition to the hands-on demos, we'll have several other events during the Festival.

- "How did Amy and Sheldon win their Nobel Prize?" by Dr. David Saltzberg, the UCLA physics professor who served as science consultant for the hit TV sitcom *The Big Bang Theory* for its entire series run
- Public talks by astronauts Nancy Currie-Gregg and Michael Fossum
- Presentations of Bubble Show by Tom Noddy
- A virtual tour of the Large Hadron Collider (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland
- A Low Temperature Extravaganza

See the full schedule of events at <http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu/>

What are we asking from you with this message? First, we're asking if you would share this message with your STEM teachers; in 2019, more than 50 schools across Texas sent field trip groups! Second, we're also asking if you would make information about the Festival available to your students and their parents so individual families may attend if your school opts not to transport students in groups. The poster can be downloaded from the website.

If you arrange a field trip to Physics and Engineering Festival 2020, please email hwalker@tamu.edu for information on meal options during the Festival. We also want to make sure each school sending a field trip is listed on our welcome screens so your students see their school listed!

We look forward to having your students here on campus for the Festival and thank you in advance for your support of science education!

If you have any questions about the Festival, please don't hesitate to contact us!

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Students: Please include your full name, UIN, and telephone number in all correspondence.

Check out our outreach opportunities!

<http://physicsfestival.tamu.edu>
<http://realphysicslive.com>
<http://physicsshow.tamu.edu/>
<http://justaddscience.tamu.edu/>
<http://cyclotron.tamu.edu/smp/>
<https://instrumentation.tamu.edu/starparty.html>
<http://mitchell.tamu.edu/outreach/physics-enhancement-program/>
<http://observatory.tamu.edu/assets/facilities/>

DONUTS WITH DAD

All dads and special father figures are invited to join their children for donuts, juice, and coffee.

FEBRUARY 21, 2020
7:15AM-7:50AM
THORNWOOD LIBRARY